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Improving Library Subject Headings for Iowa Indigenous Peoples

NCORE-ISCORE MISSION

The NCORE-ISCORE Project supports Iowa State University's diversity efforts. The project provides positive interactions and dialogue regarding race, ethnicity, and multicultural relations through local and national initiatives including participation in two conferences: NCORE (National Conference on Race & Ethnicity) and ISCORE (Iowa State Conference on Race & Ethnicity).

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We would like to begin this event with a land acknowledgment. Iowa State University is located on the ancestral lands and territory of the Baxoje (bah-kho-dzhe), or Ioway Nation. The United States obtained the land from the Meskwaki and Sauk nations in the Treaty of 1842. We wish to recognize our obligations to this land and to the people who took care of it, as well as to the 17,000 Native people who live in Iowa today.

Land grant acknowledgement

As a [land-grant university](), Iowa State University initially [built its endowment through the lease and sale of land]() ceded to the United States by the Ho-Chunk, Ioway, Mdewahkanton, Meskwaki, Missouria, Omaha, Otoe, Sauk, Sisseton, Wahpekuta, Wahpeton, Winnebago, and Yankton. These land cessions were attempts by the tribes to preserve their ways of life and sovereignty in the face of white settler encroachment and U.S. military force. The tribes did not benefit from or participate in Iowa State's use of their lands.

Presentation overview

- Introduction
- Explanation of Library of Congress subject headings (LCSH)
- Overview of project—research and outreach
- Outcomes

LCSH for Indigenous Peoples

- Many of the Library of Congress Subject Headings (LCSH) used to describe resources about Indigenous peoples use exonyms imposed as part of colonization.
- These headings are often inaccurate or offensive.

What are the Library of Congress Subject Headings?

- The Library of Congress Subject Headings (LCSH) are a list of terms used to describe the subject matter of library resources
- First published in 1898 by the Library of Congress to help organize their rapidly growing collection
- Used by most US libraries as well as some other English-speaking countries
- Expansive and comprehensive in coverage

Controlled Vocabularies and Resource Discovery

- The Library of Congress Subject Headings are an example of a **Controlled Vocabulary**
- The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) defines a controlled vocabulary as "an established list of standardized terminology for use in indexing and retrieval of information." (OECD Glossary of Statistical Terms 2005)

Controlled Vocabularies and Resource Discovery (slide 2)

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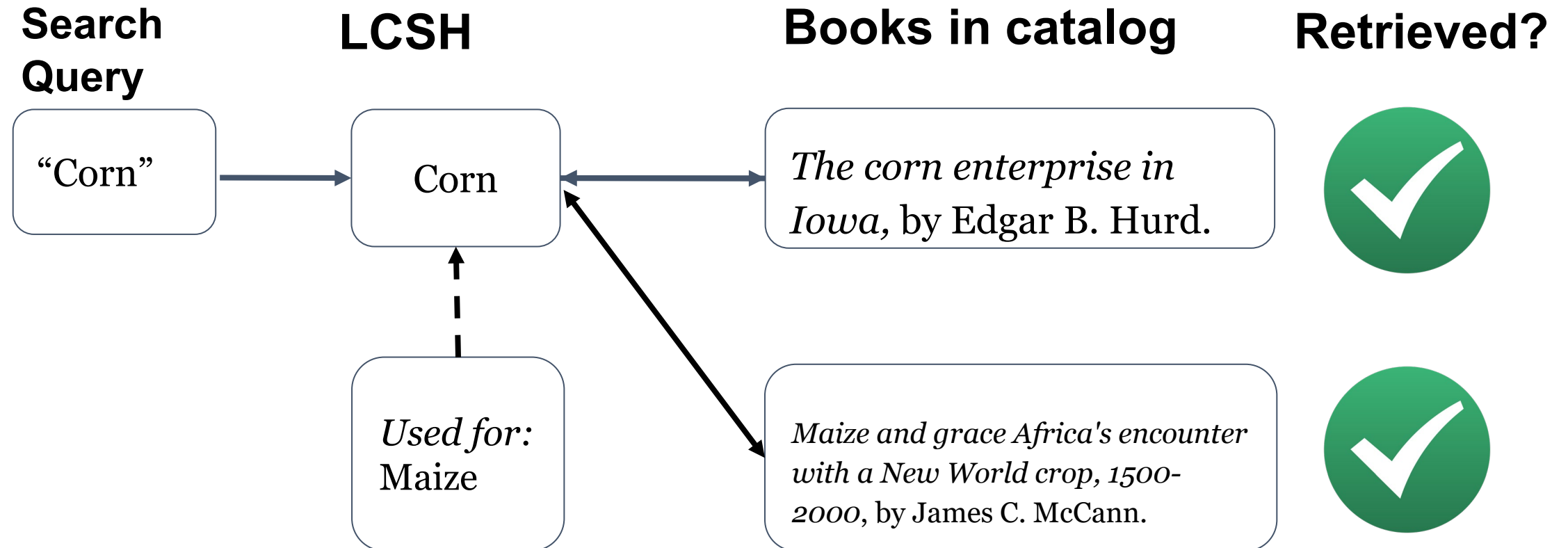**Titles in catalog**

Retrieved?

"Corn"

The **corn** *enterprise in Iowa*, by Edgar B. Hurd.

Maize and grace Africa's encounter with a New World crop, 1500-2000, by James C. McCann.

Controlled Vocabularies and Resource Discovery (slide 3)

Controlled Vocabularies and Resource Discovery (slide 4)

Search Query

Titles in catalog

Retrieved? Relevant?

"Jaguar"

Guide to the Jaguar; the complete story of the famous Jaguar car.

Jaguar : one man's struggle to establish the world's first jaguar preserve

Controlled Vocabularies and Resource Discovery (slide 5)

Search query

LCSH

Books in catalog

Retrieved?

Relevant?

"Jaguar automobile"

Jaguar automobile

Guide to the Jaguar; the complete story of the famous Jaguar car.

Jaguar

Jaguar: one man's struggle to establish the world's first jaguar preserve
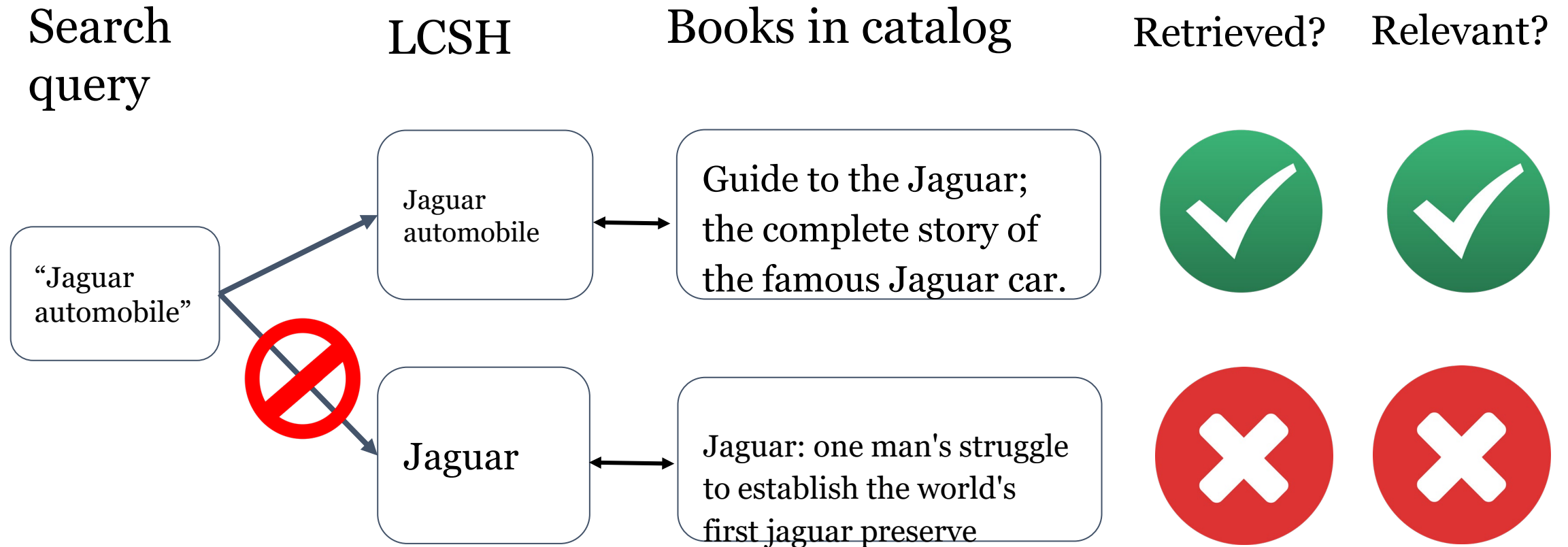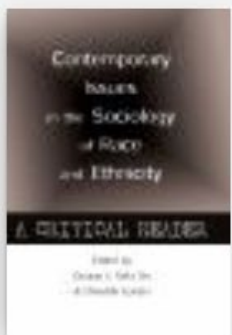
BOOK

Contemporary issues in the sociology of <mark>race</mark> and ethnicity : a critical <mark>reader</mark> / edited by George J. Sefa Dei, Meredith Lordan.

Dei, George J. Sefa (George Jerry Sefa), 1954- Lordan, Meredith.

2013

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Title	Contemporary issues in the sociology of race and ethnicity : a critical reader / edited by George J. Sefa Dei, Meredith Lordan.
Author/Creator	Dei, George J. Sefa (George Jerry Sefa), 1954- >
	Lordan, Meredith. >
Subjects	Racism >
	Race relations >
	Ethnicity >
Publisher	New York : Peter Lang
Related Titles	Series: Counterpoints : studies in the postmodern theory of education ; v. 445.
Creation Date	2013
Format	189 pages cm..
Notes	Includes bibliographical references.
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Goals and scope

- **Goals:**
  - Identify unacceptable terms and their more culturally appropriate equivalents.
  - Create supplemental headings that accurately reflect the names of Indigenous peoples with ties to Iowa.
  - Build successful relationships with Indigenous nations.
  - Share information from the project with other libraries.
- **Scope:**
  - Nations listed on ISU's American Indian Faculty and Staff Association [webpage](.).

Similar projects

- [Manitoba Archival Information Network Headings](#) (MAIN)
- [First Nations House of Learning Subject Headings](#) (FNHL)
- [First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Indigenous Ontology](#) (FNMIIO)
- [Library of Congress Demographic Group Terms](#) (LCDGT)

Outreach planning

- Research Indigenous community names to develop new headings
- Identify contacts for each Indigenous nation
  - Focus on Galleries, Libraries, Archives, and Museums (GLAM,) education, and language professionals where possible
- Draft outreach letter
- Share draft letter with knowledgeable colleagues
- Revise outreach process

LibGuide and ILL service

- Provide resources and services
  - Free interlibrary loan
  - Publishing with the Digital Press
  - Relevant resources
    - in the library
    - online
    - in archives and special collections

https://go.iastate.edu/UAREL3

Outreach & Response

- 3 rounds of outreach and follow-up
- Members of 13 nations responded out of 21 contacted
- Feedback: approvals, suggestions, context
- Example changes:
  - "Bodewéwadmik" to "Bodwéwadmik"
  - "Daawaa" to "Odawa"
  - "Jiwere-Nut'achi" alongside "Otoe-Missouria"

Vocabulary

- Title: Subject headings for Iowa Indigenous peoples

- Friendly URL: https://go.iastate.edu/JTJXQL

- Possible uses:
  - Library descriptive work
  - Reference source
  - Research

	Preferred subject heading(s)	Used for Library of Congress Subject Headings (LCSH)	Community name	Alternate names/ spellings	Community response to preferred subject heading(s)	Notes
7	Ioway (North American Indigenous peoples)	Iowa Indians Iowa language	Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska	Baxoje Ioway	Acceptable, 2021-07-13	
8	Ioway (North American Indigenous peoples)	Iowa Indians Iowa language	Bah Kho-Je: Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma	Bah-Kho-Je Báxoǰe People of the Grey Snow Ioway Iowas	Acceptable, 2021-08-30	Community officially granted consent for use of preferred heading
9	Jiwere-Nut'achi (North American Indigenous peoples) Otoe-Missouria (North American Indigenous peoples)	Oto Indians Oto language Missouri Indians	Otoe-Missouria Tribe	Jiwere Missouri Missourias Nutachi Oto Otoes Ottoe	Acceptable, 2021-07-12	Preferred headings include an additional name (Jiwere-Nut'achi) provided by community
10	Kickapoo (North American Indigenous peoples)	Kickapoo Indians Kickapoo language	Kickapoo Tribe of Oklahoma	Kiikaapoa Kiikaapoi	None yet	
11	Kickapoo (North American Indigenous peoples)	Kickapoo Indians Kickapoo language	Kickapoo Tribe in Kansas	Kiikaapoa Kiikaapoi	None yet	
12	Kickapoo (North American Indigenous peoples)	Kickapoo Indians Kickapoo language	Kickapoo Traditional Tribe of Texas	Kiikaapoa Kiikaapoi	None yet	
13	Kickapoo (North American Indigenous peoples)	Kickapoo Indians Kickapoo language	El Nacimiento de la Tribu Kikapú (no official website)	Kikapú Kiikaapoa Kiikaapoi	No contact information available	
14	Menominee (North American Indigenous peoples)	Menominee children Menominee dance Menominee Indians Menominee language	Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin	Mamaceqtaw Menomini	None yet	
15	Meskwaki (North American Indigenous peoples)	Fox art Fox dance Fox Indians Fox women Sauk Indians Fox art	Meskwaki Nation: Sac and Fox Tribe of the Mississippi in Iowa	Mesquaki Mesquakie Muskwaki Musquakie Outagami Red Earth People The Red-Earths Fox	None yet	

Implementation

- Automated updates to library catalog

- Normalization rules
  - ✓ Check for LCSH
    (vocabulary column B)
  - ✓ Add preferred subject heading
    (vocabulary column A)
    as supplemental local heading

- Code available on GitHub

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rule "add 650_7 $$a Ioway (North American Indigenous peoples) $$2 local"
when
(exists "650.{*,*}.a.Iowa Indians*")
AND
(not exists "650.{-,7}.a.Ioway (North American Indigenous peoples)")
then
addField "650.{-,7}.a.Ioway (North American Indigenous peoples)"
addSubField "650.2.local" if (exists "650.{-,7}.a.Ioway (North American
Indigenous peoples)")
end

rule "add 650_7 $$a Meskwaki (North American Indigenous peoples) $$2 local"
when
(exists "650.{*,*}.a.Fox Indians*|Sauk Indians*|Fox women*")
AND
(not exists "650.{-,7}.a.Meskwaki (North American Indigenous peoples)")
then
addField "650.{-,7}.a.Meskwaki (North American Indigenous peoples)"
addSubField "650.2.local" if (exists "650.{-,7}.a.Meskwaki (North American
Indigenous peoples)")
end
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Demonstration

- Iowa State University Library Quick Search: https://www.lib.iastate.edu

- Records for resources in local catalog show preferred subject headings

- Example: *Sac, Fox, and Iowa Indians* (1974)

Details	
Title	Sac, Fox, and Iowa Indians.
Subjects	Sauk Indians (Algonquian) >
	Fox Indians >
	Iowa Indians >
	Meskwaki (North American Indigenous peoples) >
	Ioway (North American Indigenous peoples) >
Publisher	New York : Garland Pub.
Related Titles	Series: American Indian ethnohistory. North Central and Northeastern Indians.
Creation Date	1974
Format	3 volumes : maps. ; 23 cm..
Notes	Bibliography: volume 2, pages 315-319.
Language	English
Identifier	ISBN : 0824007891
Record id	01IASU_ALMA21231423340002756
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1 BOOK
The prairie people : continuity and change in Potawatomi Indian culture, 1665-1965 / James A. Clifton.
Clifton, James A.
1998
📖 Checked out from Parks Library PARKS General Collection (E99.P8 C55 1998) ›
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2 BOOK
The Potawatomis, keepers of the fire / by R. David Edmunds.
Edmunds, R. David (Russell David), 1939-
1978
📖 Checked out from Parks Library PARKS General Collection (E99.P8 E35) ›
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3 BOOK
Illinois, Kickapoo, and Potawatomi Indians.
Jablow, Joseph. United States. Indian Claims Commission.
1974
📖 Checked out from Parks Library PARKS General Collection (E99.I2 J32) ›
📍 Map it

4 BOOK
Indian sketches: Père Marguette and the last of the Pottawatomie chiefs / by Cornelia Steketee Hulst.
Hulst, Cornelia Steketee, 1865-1957.
1912
📖 Available at Parks Library PARKS General Collection (E99.P8 H9) ›

3 BOOK
An anthropological report on the Miami, Wea, and Eel-River Indians / Erminie Wheeler-Voegelin, Emily J. Blasingham [and] Dorothy R. Libby.
Wheeler-Voegelin, Erminie, 1903-1988. Blasingham, Emily J., [author.] Libby, Dorothy R., [author.] United States. Indian Claims Commission.
1974
📖 Available at Parks Library PARKS General Collection (E99.M48 V63) ›
📍 Map it

4 BOOK
The Miami Indians of Indiana : a persistent people, 1654-1994 / Stewart Rafert.
Rafert, Stewart.
1996
📖 Available at Parks Library PARKS General Collection (E99.M48 R34 1996) ›
📍 Map it

5 BOOK
Kekionga! : the worst defeat in the history of the U.S. Army / Wilbur Edel.
Edel, Wilbur.
1997
📖 Available at Parks Library PARKS General Collection (E83.79 .E34 1997) ›
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6 BOOK
Appraisal of Miami tract in Kansas, 1854 : case 251 before the Indian Claims Commission / prepared for the U.S. Department of Justice by William G. Murray.
Murray, William G. (William Gordon), 1903-1991. United States. Department of Justice. United States. Indian Claims Commission.
1956
📖 Available at Parks Library Spec Coll: Archives (E99 M48 M87x 1956) ›
📍 Map it

7 BOOK
The life and times of Little Turtle : first Sagamore of the Wabash / Harvey Lewis Carter.
Carter, Harvey L. (Harvey Lewis), 1904-1994.

Other implementations

- Iowa State University Digital Collections metadata: https://digitalcollections.lib.iastate.edu

- University of Iowa's Publications of the Office of the State Archeologist: https://digital.lib.uiowa.edu/islandora/object/ui%3Aosa_pubs
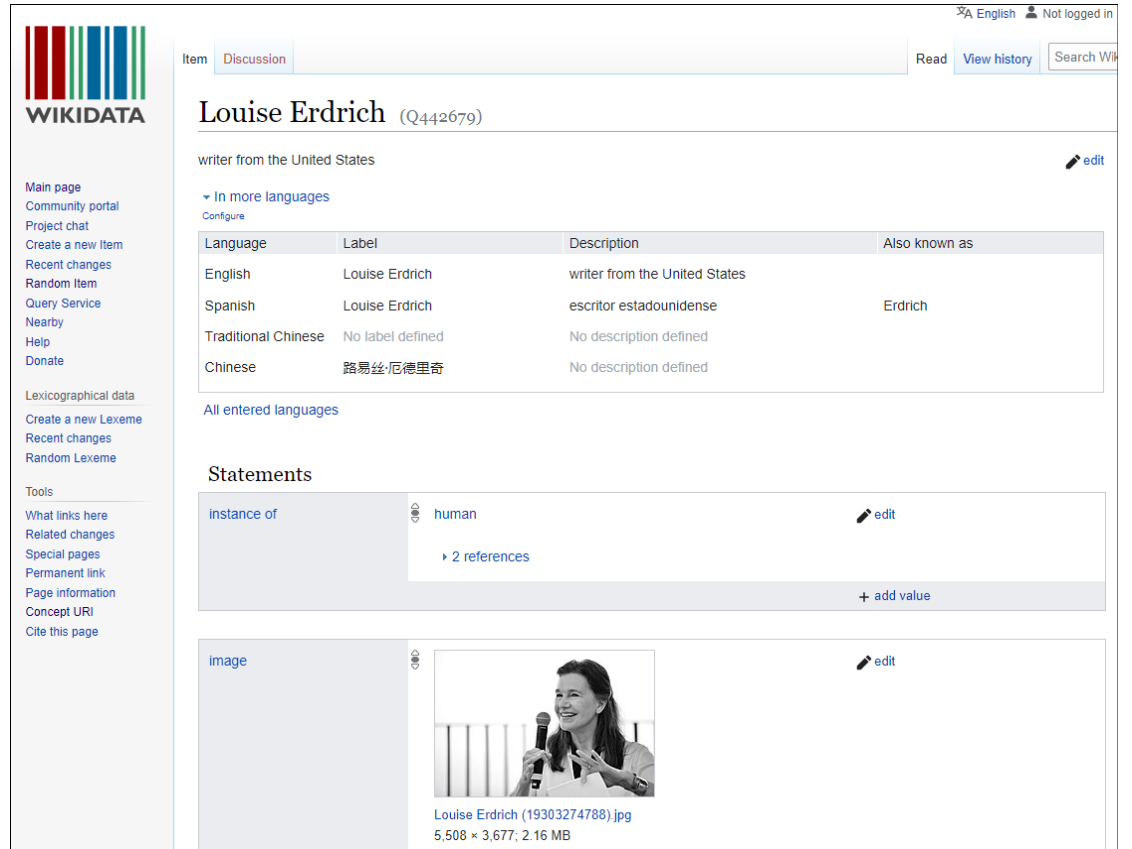
Ongoing work

- Article forthcoming in *[Library Resources & Technical Services](#)*

- Collaboration with other institutions

- Linked data vocabulary

http://www.wikidata.org/entity/Q442679

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Q & A

Think of something later?

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